

# MEASUREMENT ASSURANCE FOR CELL THERAPY WORKSHOP DAY 2 AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10: Sheng Lin-Gibson (Deputy Chief, Biosystems & Biomaterials Division), Welcome back

9:10 – 10:40: Full reports from breakouts showing cause and effects diagrams, flow charts, needs for reference materials, potential for inter-laboratory studies, etc.

- 9:10 – 9:40: Breakout#1 Report: Cell Counting
- 9:40 – 10:10: Breakout #2 Report: Cell Viability
- 10:10 – 10:40: Breakout #3 Report: Functional Cell Assay

10:40 – 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00: Panel Discussion; Moderator: Carl Simon

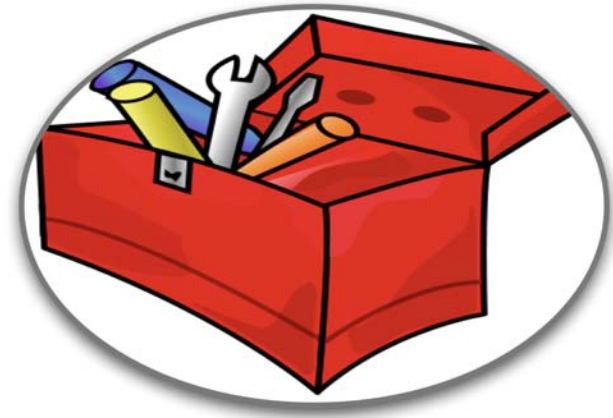
12:00 – 12:15: Concluding remarks

# RECAP OF DAY 1

Tools for achieving **measurement assurance/confidence** for **measurement process**

Traceability  
Measurement uncertainty  
Method validation

- Reference materials or controls
- Ishikawa (cause/effect) diagram
- Charting
- Process controls
- Experimental Design
- Quality by Design (QbD)
- Validation specifications
- Interlaboratory comparison

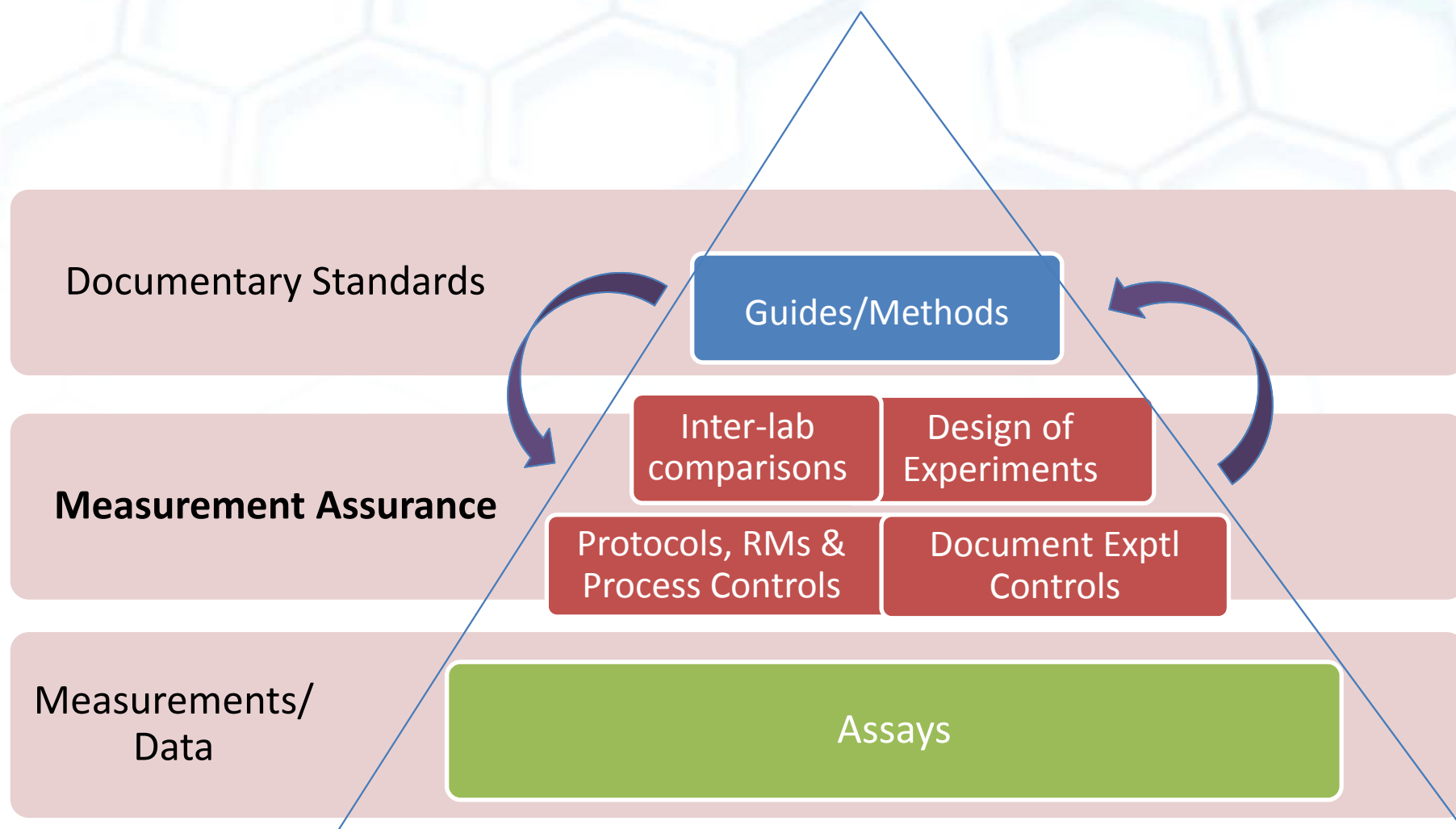


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- Case study of specific assays
  - Cell counting
  - Viability
  - Functional assay



# The process of developing a standard is founded on measurement assurance





- Facilitate regulatory approval and commerce
- Broadly applicable
- Do not impede innovation

# Standards Efforts for Cell Therapy

Many on going efforts, include several that aims to develop standard methods



## ISO/TC 276: Biotechnology

Secretariat: DIN  
Secretary: Katharina Lippert  
Chairperson: Ricardo Gent  
22 participating countries  
13 observing countries

Structure:  
Terms and Definition  
Biobanking and Bioresources  
Analytical Methods  
Bioprocessing  
Data Processing and Integration

## U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 276

**Secretariat: NIST**  
TAG Administrator: Clare Allocca  
Chairperson: Sheng Lin-Gibson  
46 Organizations  
96 Individuals

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# CELL COUNTING STANDARDS

## Industry needs:

- Cell type independent
- Measurement platform independent
- Amenable to changes in measurement process

## Proposed solutions:

- An approach to assess the **measurement confidence** for a specific cell count measurement process where a reference material is not readily available



# OVERALL CELL COUNTING STANDARDIZATION STRATEGY

Part 1: General Guidance on cell counting methods

Part 2: Experimental design and statistical analysis to quantify counting method performance

Part 3 and above or independent standards:

- Application of reference materials and benchmarks
- Differential cell counting methods, i.e., viable cell counting
- Method to address morphology or manufacturing processes

There isn't is a single "protocol" that can address all cell counting issues

There isn't a readily available reference cell for "calibration"

Instead, a series of documents will be developed to provide guidance on various aspects of cell counting challenges.

# CURRENT ISO/TC 276 WORK RELATED TO CELL THERAPY

## **WG3: Analytical Methods**

ISO/PWI 20391: *Methods to determine a relative accuracy for cell counting approaches*

ISO/PWI 20395: *Quality considerations for targeted nucleic acid quantification methods*

ISO/PWI 20396: *Methods to determine the concentration of total nucleic acids*

ISO/PWI 20397: *Methods to evaluate the quality of the massive sequencing data*

ISO/PWI 20688: *Oligonucleotide Quality Control*

New project *to develop a standard for cell viability*

New project *to develop a strategy to develop cell characterization standards*

## **WG4: Bioprocessing**

ISO/PWI 20398: *Methods to control bioreactor processes for cell culturing*

ISO/PWI 20399: *Raw materials control for bioprocessing*

ISO/PWI: *Best practice in raw materials selection in the design of human cell therapy 1. manufacturing processes*

# GOALS FOR DAY 2

## Report of findings from breakout sessions

- Common measurement challenges, including sources of variability
- Potential solutions using tools to achieve measurement assurance

## Panel Discussion

- What can we do collectively to improve the measurement confidence of common assays?



## NEXT STEPS

Are there interests to continue discussions/ work to achieve measurement assurance for cell therapy?

If so,

- What are the desirable outcomes?
- What is the most effective forum?
- Who else should be a part of this discussion?

# OPTIONS

## Forum for next steps

- NIST-convened continuing discussions on measurement assurance for cell therapy
- Working Groups to develop specific protocol/best practices

## Potential Products

- Training materials
- White papers
- Shared protocols and/or best practices
- Standards
  - Reference materials
  - Consensus documentary standards

# REPORTS FROM BREAKOUTS

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